

What is claimed is:

1. A toner comprising a colored resin particle and an external additive,

5            wherein said external additive comprises a silica fine particle (A) having

             a  $Dv50/Dv10$  of 1.8 or more, in which  $Dv10$  represents  
a particle diameter at which a volume cumulative total  
from small particle diameter side is 10% and  $Dv50$   
10           represents a particle diameter at which the mentioned  
volume cumulative total is 50%,

             a volume average particle diameter in the range from  
0.1 to  $1.0\mu\text{m}$ , and

             a sphericity in the range from 1 to 1.3.

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2. The toner according to claim 1,

             wherein the silica fine particle (A) has a  $Dv50/Dv10$   
of 2 or more.

20           3. The toner according to claim 1,

             wherein the silica fine particle (A) has an volume  
average particle diameter in the range from 0.1 to  $0.5\mu\text{m}$ .

4. The toner according to claim 1,

25           wherein the silica fine particle (A) has an  
appearance bulk density in the range from 50 to  $250\text{g/l}$ .

5. The toner according to claim 1,

wherein the silica fine particle (A) has an appearance bulk density in the range from 80 to 200g/l.

5 6. The toner according to claim 1,

wherein the silica fine particle (A) is produced by a melting method.

7. The toner according to claim 1,

10 wherein the external additive further comprises a silica fine particle (B) having a volume average particle diameter in the range from 5 to 80nm.

8. The toner according to claim 1,

15 wherein the external additive further comprises a silica fine particle (B) having a volume average particle diameter in the range from 7 to 30nm.

9. The toner according to claim 8,

20 wherein the external additive further comprises a conductive inorganic fine particle (C) having a number average particle diameter in the range from 0.01 to 2 $\mu$ m.

10. The toner according to claim 8,

25 wherein the external additive further comprises a conductive inorganic fine particle having a number average particle diameter in the range from 0.03 to 1 $\mu$ m.

11. The toner according to claim 1,

wherein the colored resin particle has a volume average particle diameter  $D_v$  in the range from 3 to  $15\mu\text{m}$ .

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12. The toner according to claim 1,

wherein the colored resin particle has a ratio  $(D_v/D_p)$ , of a volume average particle diameter ( $D_v$ ) to a number average particle diameter ( $D_p$ ), in the range from

10 1.0 to 1.3.

13. The toner according to claim 1,

wherein the colored resin particle has a sphericity from 1.0 to 1.3.

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14. The toner according to claim 1 further comprises a parting agent.

15. The toner according to claim 14,

20 wherein the parting agent is a synthetic wax or a polyfunctional ester compound.

16. The toner according to claim 1 further comprises a charge control agent.

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17. The toner according to claim 16,

wherein the charge control agent is a charge control

resin having a weight average molecular weight in the range  
from 2,000 to 50,000.